

**"Human Rights and AIDS Law Project
in Islamic Community"
Mission of Generous Cambodian Alliance
(Generous)**

GRANT AMOUNT: \$19,604

PROJECT SUMMARY: This project aims to raise human rights awareness and reduce discrimination and stigmatization related to HIV/AIDS in Islamic communities in Kampot and Siem Reap provinces through education and training on the human rights issues and laws related to HIV/AIDS. There will be four workshops targeting Muslim community leaders including village chiefs, women, commune council members, members of village monitoring committees, and health center staff. An additional 4 workshops will target imams with local mosques. The workshops will use a training module developed by Generous that has proven successful with ethnic Khmer audiences. The module will be adapted, however, to reflect Muslim respectabilities and customs.

After completion of the training, a district network will be established to monitor human rights abuses of people living with HIV/AIDS related to stigma and discrimination in their respective communities. These networks will also work to find appropriate solutions to the problems raised. To strengthen the capacity of these local district networks, monthly meetings will be held to provide follow-up training and technical assistance from Generous, other concerned NGOs, and government institutions.

To effectively implement this project, the involvement of relevant local stakeholders is crucial. Generous will organize at least two meetings with the provincial offices of the Department of Cults and Religions to seek assistance in reaching out to the targeted Islamic communities, key community leaders and other relevant stakeholders. Generous will also work closely with the commune councils and Muslim religious leaders to identify and select Islamic women to join the training.

Generous has identified an Islamic female trainer, who has already completed Generous's train-the-trainer course for AIDS education for Khmer audiences, to act as the primary facilitator for the training workshops.

GRANTEE BACKGROUND: Generous is a local NGO founded in 1994 and registered with the Ministry of Interior. Its main focus is the promotion and defense of human rights within the context of and related to HIV/AIDS. Since 1995, Generous has provided education on Human Rights and HIV/AIDS in twelve provinces, reaching over 7,000 people including medical staff, members of provincial AIDS secretariats, local authorities, and community leaders. The organization strongly desires to expand its services to Islamic communities, which have not been previously targeted for HIV/AIDS intervention. Generous has received previous funding from the UN Center for Human Rights in Cambodia, the Canada Fund, UNDP, AusAID, the British Embassy, Policy Project/USAID, and DanChurchAid.